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University Strives to Create Commuter Friendly Campus

One of the biggest groups of students on campus is often the last to get noticed. The Office of Commuter Affairs and Community Service is distributing fliers and posters across campus to remind everyone commuters are here and there are ways to make them feel more at home.



Commuter Affairs, which operates the UM Shuttle and the commuter lounge in the student union, caters to these students through services, programs, advocacy and research. The information they are distributing voices the needs of 24,575 commuters, informing campus staff and faculty how they can help out.

Colorful fliers and 22"x 28" framed posters are now available. They list helpful tips on how to be a commuter-friendly faculty member, front-line staff member, academic adviser and editor.

"We know people are doing great things already, so some of these things might seem pretty basic," says Richard Stevens, coordinator of the National Clearinghouse for Community Programs, an organization that studies commuting students across the nation. But Stevens and Director of Commuter Affairs Barbara Jacoby decided it would be valuable to share their national findings with the campus community.



"It's easy over time to forget about commuter students because they're not as visible. They come and go, so it's easier to focus attention on the students we tend to see more," says Jacoby. The information in the fliers and posters serves as a visual reminder that service to commuters can be enhanced.

"Commuting is almost a second job," says Jacoby. "It takes a lot of time and energy, and most commuter students work. Nationally, more and more students are working long hours and more than one job."

The handouts list about 10 suggestions for each area. They advise faculty to consider hiring commuter students, keeping the students actively involved in the community, and to have office hours directly before or after class, making it easier for commuters to attend without extra travel time.

Advice for front-line staff includes "consider early morning and/or evening hours one or more days a week" and "maintain a supply of campus maps" to make sure students can find the buildings they are being directed to.



The fliers recommend that academic advisers find out about commuters' other responsibilities outside of school and work their schedules accordingly. Editors are urged to include commuters in articles and to consider multiple distribution methods, such as direct mail and e-mail, to reach students who do not live on campus.

Over 300 handouts have already been distributed, and requests are coming in for more materials from the School of Public Affairs, mechanical and chemical engineering, the Honors Program, art history and archeology, and a number of other departments.

—DAVID ABRAMS

Show Your Spirit on Terrapin Pride Day

In a blaze of red, black, white and gold, Terps are encouraged to show their university pride in Annapolis next month for Terrapin Pride Day. Faculty, staff, students and friends of the university are invited to participate in the event on Mar. 7 at 12:30 p.m. in Governor Calvert House.

This year Terrapin Pride Day will acknowledge the support the university has received from the legislature through the years. More than 150 supporters joined together in Annapolis last year to show their pride in the university. Event organizers hope even more people will attend this year to celebrate the university's academic rankings, the rising quality of the student body and the continued growth of Maryland as a leading public research university.

A lunch buffet takes place from 12:30 to 2 p.m. with Gov. Parris Glendening, University President Dan Mote, Senate President Mike Miller and House Speaker Casper Taylor giving remarks. After the ceremony, supporters are invited to participate in informal visits to legislators in their offices.

Complimentary transportation will be provided. Buses leave from the front of Cole Student Activities Center at 11:15 a.m. and depart from Annapolis at 2 p.m. and 3 p.m.

For more information, call Leila Dickerson at 405-8359 or visit the Terrapin Pride Day Web site at www.inform.umd.edu/SupportUM.



Nation's Chief Labor Law Enforcement Officer Joins the School of Public Affairs

Fred Feinstein, former general counsel of the National Labor Relations Board, has joined the faculty of the Maryland School of Public Affairs as a senior fellow and visiting professor in the Office of Executive Programs. He will be conducting research and writing on labor issues, and developing executive education programs on such subjects as the challenge of adapting labor policy to new work environments.

"During my time at the NLRB and previously when I worked on the Hill, I thought about the need for a place in the D.C. area devoted to the serious consideration of labor policy issues," says Feinstein. "The School of Public Affairs at the University of Maryland seems like the perfect place to create such a space, which is just what I hope to do. I am excited about the challenge."

During his nearly six-year tenure as general counsel, Feinstein was recognized for his efforts to improve the administration of the National Labor Relations Act. He instituted a system for case prioritization and made significant progress in assuring consistency in the timely conduct of elections for union repre-

sentation. He received three "Hammer Awards" for these and other innovations in the operations of the Office of General Counsel.

Before his appointment by President Clinton in 1994, Feinstein served for 17 years as chief labor counsel and staff director of the U. S.

House of Representatives, Labor-Management Relations Subcommittee. Responsible for directing the consideration of labor legislation, Feinstein was lead staffer on the Family and Medical Leave Act, the Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification (WARN) Act (which requires industry to provide advance notification of mass layoffs to employees and their families), and several efforts to amend the NLRA.

Feinstein served as adjunct professor of law at Georgetown University, conducting courses on legislation. He also was an elementary public school

teacher in East Harlem, New York, in the early '70s. Feinstein received a J.D. from Rutgers Law School and a B.A. in political science from Swarthmore College.



Fred Feinstein

Name Changes Reflect Responsibilities

The Division of University Advancement has changed its name to Division of University Relations, resulting in several other name and title changes in the division.

University Relations Vice President Brodie Remington says the new name more accurately reflects the responsibilities of the division, which includes marketing, publications, media relations and alumni relations in addition to development activities and advancement services.

To avoid confusion over names, the Office of University Relations has changed to Office of University Communications. University Communications, headed by George Cathcart, continues to be responsible for coordinating media relations activities for the university, as well as consulting on media strategies and strategic messages. The unit monitors mass media coverage of the university and provides advice on responding to media inquiries. Communications also coordinates internal communications and publishes the faculty/staff newspaper *Outlook*.

University Communications is one of three components of University Marketing Communications, headed by Executive Director Terry Flannery. The other units are University Publications and University Marketing.

University Publications, directed by Judith Bair, is responsible for writing, designing and producing publications including *College Park, Maryland Alumni*, undergraduate recruitment materials and commencement programs, as well as the university Web site.

University Marketing provides leadership for campus-wide marketing research, strategy, visual identity and consistency in images and messages.

Mind, Body, Spirit Fair Promotes Eating Disorder Awareness

Tomorrow the University of Maryland Panhellenic Task Force on Eating Disorders, the Counseling Center and the Health Center will highlight Eating Disorders Awareness Week with the second "Mind-Body-Spirit Fair, a Celebration of Every Body."

Running from noon until 5 p.m. in the Stamp Union Atrium, the event will include several tables featuring activities and handouts about topics associated with eating disorders. The fair features information and experiences concerning body dissatisfaction, media awareness, health and nutrition, men's body image, women's history and self-esteem.

"This fair is really relevant to men and women of all ages," says Brenda Alpert Sigall of the Counseling Center. "We are trying to reach out to the men on campus to include them and make them aware of these issues as they relate to women's development of eating disorders as well as their own issues."

Last year, about 300 people attended, and Sigall expects an even better turn out this year.

"It's for the campus and it's open to the public," she says. "We've had calls from other universities who are bringing students and middle schools and high schools as well."

Eating Disorders Awareness Week, which technically ran Feb. 12-19, is a national campaign to raise awareness and promote healthy body image and self-esteem in communities and on college campuses. It is sponsored by Eating Disorders Awareness & Prevention, Inc., a Seattle-based non-profit organization that started the program in 1988.

The Pan Hellenic Task Force was founded in 1992 and aims to educate sorority women about the prevention and treatment of eating disorders. The committee is co-lead by Sigall and Julie Parsons of the Health Center.

According to Eating Disorders Awareness and Prevention, Inc., 91 percent of women on college campuses diet, and at least 22 percent diet often or always. More than 5 million girls and women across the country suffer from eating disorders.

David Allen's Unexpected Lot in Life Former Reporter Finds His Place in Campus Parking

Call it a hazard of the job. After more than 15 years in the parking business, David Allen can look at any parking lot and tell you how many spaces it has, give or take a few. Hardly the kind of trivia that will serve him well on "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire," it is, however, a good indication of how well he knows his work.

But don't mistake him for a parking geek. As the campus' director of parking Allen is responsible for knowing all the ins and outs of getting faculty, staff, students and visitors safely and efficiently parked at the university each day. His relaxed demeanor is proof he's got it under control.

"I don't know why I enjoy it," says Allen of his role, "but I do." And, despite the grief—"everyone's an expert on parking, except me," he says—he's able to sleep at night.

And grief he gets. Irrate students complain about parking tickets they deem unfair, annoyed faculty demand front-door parking, and faculty and staff both voice their opinions about the "high cost" of parking.

"Parking is a very small part of this university," says Allen, and shouldn't consume people's lives. But, let's face it, he says, everyone wants perfect parking.

"If you go to Safeway and park three spaces away from the front door, that's great. If you have to park 15 spaces away, that's considered awful," says Allen. It's not much different at the University of Maryland. It's his job, he says, to keep his department running smoothly enough that people don't even think about parking.

Trouble is, there's always someone who gets a ticket, and then they're really upset. "People think we have parking employees hiding behind bushes waiting to give tickets," says Allen, who assures that is not the case.

In fact, he says, the staff have cards that can be put into parking meters to see how long it's been expired. "The policy is, if it's been three minutes or less since it's expired, the person doesn't get a ticket."

Allen has been with the parking office for 14 years, the last eight of them as director of parking. It's a far cry from his days as a young reporter with WJZ-TV in Baltimore. A graduate of the radio and tv program at Towson University, Allen, who had interned at WJZ during college, landed a reporter position with the television station. "I was the guy standing out in the snow storm reporting, 'Well, it's snowing out here,'" he says.

But making it in television news often means moving to other cities, or markets. The man who

originally hailed from California had made Maryland his home and wanted to stay.

Fortunately, he had minored in management at Towson, and soon found himself managing a tire store. Though successful, when the pressure was put on him to push unnecessary products and services, he realized, "I was not into selling things, especially tires."

Spying an ad for a parking manager at Towson University, he took a "why not" approach and got the job that put him on the path to parking. "I



David Allen has been the director of campus parking for eight years.

had no idea what the job entailed, but I knew how to talk to people and work with them," he says. He got the job and three years later arrived at Maryland.

Allen says he's happily ensconced in his current position. His escape from his job is his family. Married for 18 years, he is the father of two sons, ages 11 and 13, who have the unique distinction, he says, of being the only two kids who want to work in parking when they grow up. When he's not coaching them in sports, Allen and his wife are taking them on trips in the family RV.

"It's good family time," he says of the treks (they've visited 47 states so far) that have been both educational and relaxing. "Getting there is part of the vacation," says Allen, noting the ride presents a perfect opportunity to fit in some time talking with the kids.

On the job, Allen also travels the country, making a point of visiting other campuses to get helpful ideas for implementing here. Having visited several campuses, he can proudly say "our parking signs are the best in the country."

And our parking must be good too. This month, Allen is sharing the secrets of his success with officials from the University of Virginia, who will be looking at Maryland's parking operation.

—JENNIFER HAWES

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Your Guide to University Events

February 22 - March 2

February 22

4 p.m. Physics Lecture: "Fluctuations Near Bifurcations in Systems Far from Equilibrium," Guenter Ahlers, University of California, Santa Barbara. 1410 Physics Bldg.

4 p.m. Shih-I Pai Lecture in Fluid Dynamics and Plasma Dynamics: "Fluctuations Near Bifurcations in Systems Far from Equilibrium," Guenter Ahlers, University of California, Santa Barbara. 1204 Physics Bldg.

5 p.m. American Heart Month program: "Stretching 101," come and learn everything you need to know about improving your flexibility. Room 0121 (Center for Health and Wellbeing) Campus Recreation Center, 4-1493, or treger@health.umd.edu.

6 p.m. Workshop: "Navigating WebCT," is for students who are enrolled in courses at the University of Maryland which have integrated WebCT into the class environment. In it students will learn to navigate course content, participate in bulletin boards and chat rooms, and develop presentations in group project space. 4404 Computer & Space Sciences Bldg. 5-2938, cwpost@umd5.umd.edu or www.inform.umd.edu/PT

7-9 p.m. Film Presentation: "Looking Back: Blaxploitation in American Cinema," six blaxploitation films will be screened and followed by discussion. Art-Sociology Bldg. 5-7856.

February 23

9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Art Exhibit: "Unforgettable Images," Nyumburu Cultural Center. 4-7559.

Noon. Christian Faculty/Staff Fellowship Lecture: "AIDS is Still a Crisis and It's Everyone's Business," Jeff Collins, founder of Love and Action, a Christian ministry caring for men, women, and children living with HIV/AIDS. 0115 Hornbake Library. 5-4791 or rg2@uimail.umd.edu.

Noon: Research & Development Presentations: "Psychological Health of Returning Women Balancing multiple Roles: Contributions of Attachment Style, Perceived Social Supports and Multiple Role Self-Efficacy," Julie Quimby, doctoral student, counseling psychology program. 0114 Counseling Center, Shoemaker Bldg.

3 p.m. Department of French and Italian's William Falls Lecture: "Crises of Memory and the Second World War: Facts, Revisions, Inventions in Autobiographical Narrative," Susan Suleiman and C. Douglas Dillon. St. Mary's Hall. 5-4024.

4-5 p.m. Astronomy Colloquium: "Models for Type Ia Supernovae and

Evolutionary Effects with Redshift," Peter Hoefflich, University of Texas. 2400 Computer and Space Sciences Bldg.

6-9 p.m. Workshop: "Internet Technologies," introduces network technologies such as the transfer of files between local and host machines located anywhere in the world using FTP; reading, subscribing and posting on newsgroups using Netscape; subscribing and sending document attachments using Pine. 4404 Computer & Space Sciences Bldg. 5-2938, cwpost@umd5.umd.edu or www.inform.umd.edu/PT.

7-9 p.m. Film Presentation: "Looking Back: Blaxploitation in American Cinema," six blaxploitation films will be screened and followed by discussion. Art-Sociology Bldg. 5-7856

7:30 p.m. Lecture: "Towards a Conversation About Race," Manning Marable, Columbia University. 5-6835.

8 p.m. University Theatre: "The Fable of Macbeth," Tawes Fine Arts. University Theatre Box Office. 5-7847 or www.inform.umd.edu/THET/plays.

February 24

4:30-7:30 p.m. "Netscape Page Composer," introduces Netscape's web page editing and development tool. Students will learn to create simple page elements such as hyperlinks, colors, font styles, bullets and tables—without typing a single letter of HTML code. 4404 Computer & Space Sciences Bldg. 5-2938, cwpost@umd5.umd.edu or www.inform.umd.edu/PT.

7-10 p.m. Africa and the Americas Presentation: Screening of "Dolemite" with Rudy Ray Moore. 2203 Art-Sociology Bldg. Marsha Gordon, gmarsha@wam.umd.edu.

7 p.m. Baptist Student Ministry and First Baptist Church of Beltsville Lecture: "A debate on the question 'Does God Exist?'" Robert Gammon, IPST at Maryland. Memorial Chapel. 5-4791 or rg2@uimail.umd.edu.

8 p.m. University Theatre: "The Fable of Macbeth," Tawes Fine Arts. University Theatre Box Office. 5-7847 or www.inform.umd.edu/THET/plays.

February 25

9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Art Exhibit: "Unforgettable Images," Nyumburu Cultural Center. 4-7559.

2 p.m. Control and Dynamical Systems Invited Lecture Series: "Nonlinear Dynamics and Control of Fluid with Applications to Turbomachinery," Richard Murray, United Technologies Research Center. 2168 A.V. Williams Bldg. www.isr.umd.edu/Labs/ISL/events.html.

7-9 p.m. Film Presentation: "Looking Back: Blaxploitation in American Cinema," six blaxploitation films will

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8 p.m. School of Music: Coolidge Quartet. Ulrich Recital Hall.

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7-9 p.m. Film Presentation: "Looking Back: Blaxploitation in American Cinema," six blaxploitation films will be screened and followed by discussion. Art-Sociology Bldg. 5-7856.

8 p.m. University Theatre: "The Fable of Macbeth," Tawes Fine Arts. University Theatre Box Office. 5-7847 or www.inform.umd.edu/THET/plays.

February 27

1-4 p.m. Workshop "Introduction to Microsoft Excel," introduces spreadsheet basics of how to: enter values and text, create formulas, understand cell addressing in absolute and relative modes, use pre-built functions, link between data, autosave work, customize printing, and more. 4404 Computer & Space Sciences Bldg. 5-2938, cwpost@umd5.umd.edu or www.inform.umd.edu/PT.

2-4 p.m. University Theatre: "The Fable of Macbeth," Tawes Fine Arts. University Theatre Box Office. 5-7847 or www.inform.umd.edu/THET/plays.

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February 28

Noon. Academy of Leadership: "Leadership and Change in American Philanthropy," Lorraine Matusak, author of "Finding Your Voice: Learning to Lead...Anywhere You Want to Make a Difference." 1102 Taliaferro Hall. 5-7920 or casl.academy.umd.edu

6-9 p.m. Workshop: "Introduction to HTML," introduces the Hypertext Markup Language used to create web pages on the World Wide Web. Concepts covered include how to: format text, create lists, links and anchors, upload pages, and add inline images. 4404 Computer & Space Sciences Bldg. 5-2938, cwpost@umd5.umd.edu or www.inform.umd.edu/PT.

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February 29

4 p.m. Physics Lecture: "Mars Crustal Magnetism: A Window to the Early History of the Red Planet," Mario Acuna, NASA-Goddard Space Flight Center. 1410 Physics Bldg.

4 p.m. Lecture: "Recruitment and Retention of African-American Students in the Sciences and Engineering: What's Happening Nationally and What That Means for Us." Panel discussion. 1140 Plant Sciences Bldg. (Lecture Hall A) 5-0007.

Choreographer's Showcase Highlights Dance Department Professor



The Maryland Dance Ensemble performs "What Remains," a work choreographed by Ed Tyler, the dance department's artist-in-residence. The performance takes place Feb. 25, at 8 p.m. as part of the 17th annual Choreographer's Showcase, sponsored by the Prince George's Publick Playhouse for the Performing Arts. For tickets and more information, call 301-277-1710.

5 p.m. American Heart Month program: "Strength Training for Beginners," will teach you the proper techniques for strength training of the major muscle groups. Room 0121 (Center for Health and Wellbeing) Campus Recreation Center, 4-1493 or treger@health.umd.edu

6-7:30 p.m. Workshop: "Getting to Know Your WAM Account," is designed to introduce WAM account holders to the concepts involved in using their accounts. The class covers receiving and sending e-mail, deleting mail, and participating in electronic discussion groups. Perfect for those who have just begun using their WAM accounts. 3330 Computer & Space Sciences Bldg. 5-2938, cwpost@umd5.umd.edu or www.inform.umd.edu/PT.

7-10 p.m. Film Screening: "Live and Let Die," the final film in Blaxploitation film festival sponsored by the Committee on Africa and the Americas. 2203 Art-Sociology Bldg. gmarsha@wam.umd.edu

8 p.m. University Theatre: "The Fable of Macbeth," Tawes Fine Arts. University Theatre Box Office. 5-7847 or www.inform.umd.edu/THET/plays.

8-10 p.m. School of Music: Symphonic Wind Ensemble. Colony Ballroom, Stamp Student Union.

March 1

Noon: Research & Development Presentations: "Beyond the Bubbles: The New Alphabet Soup," Diane Adelstein, psychometrist, Counseling Center and Keith Elche, testing graduate assistant, Counseling Center. 0114 Counseling Center, Shoemaker Bldg.

Noon. Lecture: "Contemporary Possession and Exorcism: Comparative and Christian Perspectives," Bill Stuart (Anthropology) will speak and lead a discussion. Sponsored by the Christian Faculty/Staff. 0115 Hornbake Library. 5-4791, rg2@uimail.umd.edu or www.ipst.umd.edu/Faculty/gammon.htm.

4-5 p.m. Astronomy Colloquium: "The Abundance of Galactic Satellites in Hierarchical Models: Problems and Possible Solutions," Andrey Kravtsov, Ohio State University. 2400

Computer and Space Sciences Bldg.

6-9 p.m. Workshop: "Introduction to Unix," covers the Unix operating system. Concepts covered include file and directory manipulation commands, navigation skills, as well as the Pico editor. It does not teach programming skills. 4404 Computer & Space Sciences Bldg. 5-2938, cwpost@umd5.umd.edu or www.inform.umd.edu/PT.

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Calendar Guide

Calendar phone numbers listed as 4-xxxx or 5-xxxx stand for the prefix 314- or 405. Events are free and open to the public unless noted by an asterisk (*). Calendar information for Outlook is compiled from a combination of inform's master calendar and submissions to the Outlook office. To reach the calendar editor, call 405-7615 or e-mail to outlook@accmail.umd.edu.

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Forensic Engineering

National Engineers Week is Feb. 20-26, and the Clark School of Engineering is hosting a guest lecture Thursday, Feb. 24, at 7:30 p.m. in the Colony Ballroom of Stamp Student Union. William Nugent, president and CEO of Wiss, Janney, Elstner & Associates will present "The Role of Forensic Engineering: Achieving Success by Understanding Failures."

Nugent has had extensive experience in the examination, testing, and evaluation of a variety of structures. He has investigated and designed repairs for the U.S. Naval Station at Midway Island, examined damage and designed emergency and permanent repairs for buildings in Los Angeles after the Northridge earthquake, and the Loma Prieta earthquake in the San Francisco area. Nugent also had extensive involvement in the reconstruction of TWA Flight 800 for the National Transportation Safety Board.

For more information, call 405-3857.

Summer Immersion in Life Sciences

The College of Life Sciences is sponsoring a summer science immersion program for high school students interested in a career in the life sciences. The Jump Start program will offer one-week sessions beginning July 17, July 24 and July 31. Program descriptions and applications can be found at www.life.umd.edu/hhmi/applications.html. Children of campus faculty and staff are encouraged to apply. The application deadline is March 15.

For more information, contact Kaci Thompson at 405-3353 or HHMI@umail.umd.edu.

Making a Difference for Persons with Disabilities

The President's Commission on Disability Issues annually honors those persons or groups who have worked to improve the quality of life for persons with disabilities at College Park. The awards may be given to a group or individual who has made signifi-

cant contributions to this area. Historically, there are three awards: Faculty Disability Achievement Award, John W. King Staff Disability Achievement Award and Student Disability Achievement Award.

Some examples of the kind of contributions the committee would like to recognize are: a person or group who takes extra steps to ensure physical or academic accessibility for all students; initiates a program intended to improve the quality of life for persons with disabilities; or who actively promotes awareness of disability related issues.

Nominations are being received now through March 2. For a nomination form contact Lida Larsen at 405.2936 or lida_larsen@umail.umd.edu. The form is also available at www.umd.edu/PCDI/awards.

Where's Tolstoy?

Ronald Overmann, former director of HPS and science studies programs, National Science Foundation presents "Where's Tolstoy When You Need Him? Personal Perspectives on HPS to STS," the first colloquium of the Spring 2000 CHPS Colloquium Series, Thursday, Feb. 24 at 4 p.m. in Room 1250 Biology-Psychology Building. This colloquium series is cosponsored by CHPS, the College of Arts and Humanities, the Graduate School and the Institute for Physical Science and Technology.

For more information, visit the CHPS web site at car-nap.umd.edu/90/chps

Lunchtime Learning

"What is Going on in Undergraduate Research? Three Models Based on Current Practice," a panel discussion led by Kathleen Staudt (English and honors), Cynthia Martin (Russian), Robert Yuan (microbiology) and Howard Smead (history and honors), takes place Wednesday, Feb. 23, from noon to 1:30 p.m. in Anne Arundel Hall Lounge. The University Honors program invites all interested faculty, staff and graduate assistants to

join them for the first of two lunchtime discussions of what real connections can be discovered between the practice of academic research and the undergraduate classroom experience.

A light lunch will be served. Call or e-mail Kathy Staudt, 405-1102 or kstaudt@wam, to register.

The Future of Modern Italy

The Italian ambassador to the United States, Ferdinando Salles, will discuss "Italy's Security and Regional Policy," as part of the department of French and Italian's "Modern Italy: Aspects of the Future" lecture series, Tuesday, Feb. 29.

The lecture takes place at 11 a.m. in St. Mary's Hall. For more information, call 405-4024.

Outstanding Woman of the Year

The President's Commission on Women's Issues is seeking nominations for the 2000 Outstanding Woman of the Year Award. The Commission would like to consider as many women as possible.

For a nomination form,

Intimate Shakespeare

University Theatre presents "The Fable of Macbeth" Feb. 23-March 5. The play will be presented in Tawes Theatre Feb. 23-26 and Feb. 29-March 4 at 8 p.m., and Feb. 27 and March 5 at 2 p.m.

Conceived by Mitchell Hebert, "The Fable of Macbeth" is an adaptation of William Shakespeare's timeless classic "Macbeth" which examines the human dilemma of serving honor or ambition. This up-close interpretation, for which the entire audience will be seated onstage, employs masks and puppets to help convey the play's messages.

"The use of masks and puppets allows the audience to see much more than a realistic production would," says Hebert. "This is a concept that allows us to release the power and the magic of the play. The intimate theatre space will bring it right down to the audience and remove the distance."

"It's a very alive way of doing this play. A very close, very energized, living, breathing production that will make people gasp," says co-director Adele Cabot.

Hebert is an associate professor of acting and directing who recently appeared as Reece Welles in Round House Theatre's "Communicating Doors." Hebert has also worked at other regional and national theatres including The Shakespeare Theatre, Studio Theatre, Theatre of the First Amendment, Alley Theatre, and A Contemporary Theatre.

Co-director Cabot, assistant professor of acting and voice, recently directed "Les Liaisons Dangereuses" for University



Theatre. She is also a member of Shakespeare & Company, where she directed "The Tempest" in the Fall Festival of Shakespeare.

Tickets are \$10 standard admission and \$7 for students and senior citizens. Special group discount rates are also available for groups of 10 or more.

For reservations or additional information, call the University Theatre Box Office at 405-7847 weekdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. or visit the University Theatre web site at www.inform.umd.edu/THET/plays.

contact Janet Turnbull at 405-4945. Nominations are due March 1 for presentation of the award on March 29.

Internet and Society

"The Internet and Society," a series of weekly lectures, begins on Feb. 24 to promote interest in and discussion about the Internet and its impact on society. The lectures are held every Thursday at 4 p.m. in Room 1109 Van Munching Hall. They are cosponsored by the Maryland School of Public Affairs, the department of computer science and 10 other campus units.

For information about all lectures, see www.puaf.umd.edu/events/Internet_and_Society_lectures.htm

Quit Smoking!

The University Health Center is available to help students, staff and faculty interested in quitting smoking. Many of your colleagues have quit for good with the help of this class. The center offers two series of its popular four-session smoking cessation class. Series I meets on Fridays, Feb. 25 through March 17, from noon to 1

p.m., and Series II meets on Fridays, April 14 through May 5, from noon-1 p.m. The class meets in Room 2101 of the Health Center. The registration fee is \$20 with \$20 returned to those who come to all four classes.

Call 314-8123 to register or stop by the Health Center's Health Education Office (Room 2101).

Minority Achievement Awards

Nominations currently are being sought for the Minority Achievement Awards, recognizing employees, students and individual units that have made outstanding contributions to equity efforts and improving the racial climate on campus. The recipients should be individuals or units that have made substantial contributions to the university's goals of creating an institution of excellence through diversity. Individual awards are restricted to ethnic minority group members.

Please send nominations to Ray Gillian, assistant to the president, President's Office, 111 Main Administration Building, by Feb. 25.